

**Notes of 7/13/09 Meeting
Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee**

Attending: Rich Phillips, Lawrence Black, Dan Chodorkoff, Anne Miller, Ed Hutchinson, John Morris, & Saul Gresser
Convene: 6:30 PM

Business:

1) Transportation

Rich reminded committee members of the upcoming meeting with Tawnya Kirsten, the Community Relations Manager for GMTA, regarding transportation issues and commuter options along the Route 2 corridor. This meeting is scheduled for Friday afternoon, July 17th @ 3pm at OSC, Marshfield. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

2) Town ANR Weatherization Grant Update

Marshfield was told we will be receiving the 12K requested from ANR for weatherization upgrades to the Old Schoolhouse Commons building. [Great work Rich!] The total cost of the project is around 14K. Shelter Construction's Will Fitzpatrick will be sealing the attic. Four Seasons will be installing the foam in the attic floor. Volunteers are being solicited (5 or 6 people at least) to help relocate cellulose insulation to cover the foam after it has been installed. Creative ideas welcome here. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact members of the energy committee.

Among other renovations, work includes exposing the foundation walls and installing two-inch foam board along the building's perimeter.

3) Local Generation Sub-committee Report

Dan gave an update on the CEDF Municipal Technical Assistance Program application for the design of a large-scale photovoltaic system at the Twinfield Union School. The school board has given approval for the grant request and is looking forward to working with us on this project. The Town of Marshfield would act as the grantee to administer the funds. Rich will ask for a slot on the upcoming, July 21st, town selectboard agenda for town approval. The plan is to request approximately \$5,000 to cover the costs of designing the project from specifications through the bidding and permitting process. There is a local match of 10% required, so that we would have to come up with about \$500.00 which we already have in the energy committee's account should we choose to use it.

Michael Horowitz, Sustainable Solutions, will be acting as project manager and leading the specification and design work. He is already making contacts with Andy Perchlek re: the CEDF eligibility and procurement process.

The Sub-committee meets again on Weds, the 15th @ 3 pm.

5) Summer And Fall Energy Seminar Series: Solar Hot Water Workshop

Lawrence updated the committee on his work to date contacting various REV full partner vendors and suppliers re: an August 22nd solar hot water workshop. First: several other events are vying for this same date and the committee decided to move the workshop to August 29th instead. Rich will contact both presenters, Michael Horowitz and Bob Atchinson, re: change in date.

Laurence will be contacting The following REV full partners regarding the change in date and workshop attendance:

Elemental Energy; Jim Grundy

The Solar Store, Groton; Brad

House Needs

Radiant Tech, Lyndonville [Rich will get phone number to Laurence]

Renew Energy Systems, Royalton

Sun Works, ~Stowe or Waterbury

Independent Power, Hyde Park; David P.

Rich has a draft of a press release that he will send around. Debra Stoleroff is working on securing a location for the event. Current plan is to run the workshop from 1-4:30 in the afternoon. Ed has a power point presentation of a similar workshop that was given in Norwich. He will get a copy of this to Bob Atchinson and Michael Horowitz for review and possible use.

5) Other Business

a. Loaning out of “Kill a Watt” meters

The energy committee now has several handy home meter devices that allow homeowners to monitor home appliances to determine the energy consumption of each. Ed and Laurence are overseeing the loaning of these meters. Ed will make copies of the instruction sheets that go along with the devices and get copies to Laurence so that homeowners have these when they borrow the meters. It was decided that the meters should not be lent out for more than three weeks at a time. Washington Electric Cooperative has a form that they used when loaning out their meters. Ed will look into getting a copy of this form to Rich to modify and use for our program. Notice of the availability of these meters will be posted in the August addition of Field Notes.

b. Master E-mail Contact List

Rich would like to compile or have compiled a Marshfield resident master contact list for the energy committee. There was a brief discussion of what names and e-mails are currently available from other sources (e.g. the town 911 call list). A suggestion was made to perhaps make the compilation of this list a community service project through the school. Further discussion is needed.

c. Upcoming Challenge?

Rich reported that Paul Markowitz, Button-Up Vermont Program Coordinator, mentioned a possible statewide challenge in the works for local town energy committees. The town with the most homes professionally audited would win a free commercial solar PV system installation. More specifics are needed. Rich to keep us posted as plan develops.

Next meeting: August 10th, 6:30, OSC.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Saul Gresser